

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 16, 23 and 29-42 are pending in the application with claims 16, 29 and 31 being independent. Applicant cancels claims 17-22, 25-28 and 43-58 without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer of the subject matter. Applicant amends independent claim 16 to include allowable subject matter of independent claim 29.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 29-42 are allowable. Claim 16 is amended herein to include features of allowable claim 29 and is therefore, believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, claim 29 is cancelled.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 43-45, 49-50, 53-54, 56, and 58 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the publication entitled "Towards a Web Object" by Manola.

Applicant cancels claims 43-58 without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer of the subject matter. Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections are rendered moot in light of the claim cancellations.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 16-23, 25-28, and 55 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Manola in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,556,217 to Makipaa et al. (hereinafter "Makipaa").

Applicant cancels claims 17-22, 25-28 and 55 without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer of the subject matter. Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections are rendered moot in light of the claim cancellations.

Independent Claim 16

Claim 16 is amended to incorporate elements of allowable claim 29. Applicant cancels claim 29. Accordingly, claim 16 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Dependent claim 23 depends directly from independent claim 16 and is allowable by virtue of this dependency, as well as for additional features that it recites. Applicant also respectfully requests individual consideration of this dependent claim.

Applicant respectfully submits that the cited references do not render the claimed subject matter obvious and that the claimed subject matter, therefore, patentably distinguishes over the cited references. For all of these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests the § 103 rejection of this claim should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Claims 16, 23 and 29-42 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of the subject application. If any issue remains unresolved that would prevent allowance of this case, the Office is requested to contact the undersigned attorney to resolve the issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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